

PARISH NEWS

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Times of Services

Sunday	Mass: 6.00 pm (Vigil), 8.30 am and 10.30 am
Holydays	Mass: 10.00 am and 7.30 pm
Weekday	Mass: Wednesday to Friday 10.00 am
Saturday	Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.00 – 10.30 am 5.15 - 5.45 pm

Letter from Langdon Street

My dear people

Blessed John Henry Newman once wrote the following: “God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.” Cardinal Newman’s thoughts on this and many other things had a powerful effect on the bishops who attended the Second Vatican Council. It led them to talk about the call to holiness which is addressed to each one of us. We are all called to do something special in our lives. This is at the heart of what we call a vocation. The word ‘vocation’ comes from the Latin word that means ‘calling’. For the Christian a vocation is not just something that God calls us to do, it is also the person God calls us to be. We have been called to follow Christ, the Son of God, who came to save us and to lead us back to heaven with him. He has sent his Holy Spirit so that we can share in his divine life even now, and express that life by trying to love him and to love our neighbour. The Christian vocation is a call to share in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Our vocation may be to live the married state or to be single, We might be a doctor or nurse, a teacher or school assistant, an architect or carpenter, a farmer or labourer. Whatever particular talent or talents we may have, what we have or what we are is at the Lord’s service.

One way of expressing this is to say that the fundamental human vocation is the call to holiness, the call to be a saint. The saints are not just heroic people who live in history books. They are ordinary Christians who have tried to live their faith without holding anything back – to love God with their whole hearts, to love those around them without counting the cost, to work at what is

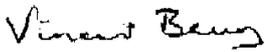
worthwhile with dedication and purpose, to be people of joy and kindness and prayerfulness. St Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish priest who was martyred in Auschwitz Concentration Camp. One of his powerful expressions in his sermons was: "Holiness today is not a luxury. It is a necessity."

We all have a vocation and to live it well in our daily lives. St Thérèse of Lisieux in her '*Little Way*' stressed the importance of doing daily the little things as well as important things by simply "doing your duty, saying your prayers, loving your neighbour, bearing your sufferings; and doing all this with a generous and loving heart." "It is not very dramatic, but it is the secret of holiness. We are called at our baptism to be holy. Whatever situation we are in now, however unsatisfactory it seems, we already have a vocation. We might be working, studying, travelling, unemployed, or caring for someone at home; we might be very content, or utterly miserable; full of hope, or close to despair. Whatever our situation, we can trust that God is with you, and that he calls us to be holy in this very situation. We must have the confidence to believe that there is a meaning and a purpose to our life.

Today is called Good Shepherd Sunday and on this day the Church asks us to think about the vocation to priesthood and the religious life. This is not meant to belittle the vocation to marriage or any other vocation. Pope Francis recently said: 'Among his disciples, the Lord Jesus wills to choose certain ones to carry out a priestly office publicly in the Church, in his name and on behalf of mankind, in order that they may continue his personal mission as Teacher, Priest and Shepherd.'

In the Westminster Diocese we are asked to contribute to the cost of formation and training of future priests who will serve in the parishes of the Diocese. The Priest Training Fund helps Cardinal Nichols to recruit, educate, train and form men into the priesthood. Last Sunday, special envelopes were given out with the newsletter for today's special collection, to be taken up after Holy Communion. If you are able to sign a gift aid declaration your gift can be increased by 25 pence in each pound from a grant given by the Government. This helps a lot. We have 29 men in formation this year. Not all will decide on a priestly vocation. The six year training programme helps them to discern what their particular vocation might be. Today is not just a day for asking you to give money, important that it may be. It is also a day of prayer. At the back of church you will find some prayer cards.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

As part of the Year of Mercy celebrations Cardinal Nichols has invited people throughout the diocese to join him on the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 9 July. Walsingham is known as England's Nazareth. The day will include an outdoor Mass, procession with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and banners along the Holy Mile, prayers and Benediction in the Priory grounds, and free time to visit the Basilica, the Slipper Chapel and the Holy Door. Bring a picnic lunch. The Cardinal is also asking priests to consider cancelling the Saturday evening mass on 9 July to enable them to travel with their parishioners. If you would like to express an interest, please put your name on the list at the back of church.

TRAINING FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE CATECHISTS

The Westminster Diocese provides training and formation for catechists. If there are sufficient numbers the programme could take place in Tring. Courses are available for pre-baptism classes, first communion and first confession classes, preparation for marriage and classes to instruct future Catholics. Also a course for people involved in our Children's Liturgy programme. If you are interested in one or more of these courses, please email Canon Berry on tring@rcdow.org.uk.

CORPUS CHRISTI FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Our friendship group meets on Monday mornings at 10.30 am in the Akeman, Akeman Street. Our aim is that we meet together and enjoy each other's company. If you are interested, please phone Wendy on 01442 824369 or Simon on 01442 826681. Lifts can be provided if necessary.

HAY FEVER

The Chesham Bois Catholic Players have chosen Hay Fever by Noel Coward as their next performance. It will be in The Little Theatre by the Park (Temperance Hall) in Church Street, Chesham, HP5 1HU on Friday 20 May at 7.30 pm, Saturday 21 May at 7.30 pm and Sunday 21 May at 4.00 pm. Ticket 3366 s cost £10 (concessions £8) and are available by phone on 0333 666 or www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/126389. Further information at the back of church.

Notices for the week beginning 17 April 2016

Sunday 17 April 2016 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass Book, pages 7 and 265

6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Catherine Cassidy; 8.30 am Intentions of Simon Whitehead; 10.30 am Intentions of Canon Vincent Berry

Monday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Alphege*

No Mass

Wednesday *Easter Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Deacon Charles Woods RIP

Thursday *St Anselm*

Mass 10.00 am Tony Chainey (Lately Dead)

Friday *Easter Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Imy O'Connor (Anniversary)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St George*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.320 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 24 April 2016 Fifth Sunday of Easter

6.00 pm (Vigil) Damascene Amy De Souza (Anniversary); 8.30 am Alan Hutt (Lately Dead); 10.30 am Catherine Faulkner (Anniversary); 1 pm Baptism of Alina Bentley.

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Bettine Byrd, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Melanie Edwards, Sam Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Adeline Lewis, Bob Masini, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen, Sam Patel, Lana Ridley, Tara Ridley, Warren Ward, Anne Wilkinson and Susan Wright; **Lately Dead:** Tony Chainey, Alan Hutt, Gerry O'Shaughnessy and Charles Woods **Anniversaries:** Sr Thérèse Elizabeth, Alfred Cannon, Catherine Faulkner, Cathrine Fawcett, Robert Fennessey, Martin Gillett, Joseph Kane, Gerard Keough, James Long, John Patrick McDonnell, Percival Eugene McDonnell, Daniel Peter McGrath, Leonard McKnett, Lily Miller, Imy O'Connor, Bernard Stranaghan, Kevin Sutton and Fred Triggs. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015	6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
23/24 April E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	M Todd
	O Conway	S Whitehead	W Hinds
R	M Sherratt	L Hutt	S Lewington
	D Leadbeater	D Crauford	P Apps
W	M Miles	D Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £220.00

Loose: £193.89

Building Fund: £44.20